HP donates workstation

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

The College of Science and Mathematics’ new computational chemistry lab was recently upgraded. One of the largest additions to the lab was made possible by the Hewlett-Packard Co., which donated a $21,500 workstation at the beginning of fall quarter. An identical workstation arrived last week and was purchased by funds generated by the Cal Poly Plan.

According to Chemistry and Biochemistry Department Chair Al Cesarelli, the workstations are helping students study molecules in a new way. “The workstations help students visualize what molecules are like in three dimensions,” Cesarelli said. Before the equipment was brought to Cal Poly, students had almost no way of doing computerized molecular modeling. “The (equipment) opens up new possibilities for things we couldn’t do otherwise. They were too tedious to do below,” Cesarelli said. He added that the computers allow students to manipulate molecules, see energy changes in them and view their most stable forms.

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DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) - Closing the lingering economic, social and political gap between the races will be the challenge for a new generation of leaders, and civil rights activist Julian Bond, during his keynote address Sunday at the Duke University’s 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. service.

Bond, chair of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the divide between the races could remain America’s greatest problem in the 21st century, as it has been in the one.

Although the current civil rights scene is “an echo of the past,” Bond said, Americans must acknowledge that many obstacles persist.

“One hundred years ago, blacks..." he asked.

Bond cited a number of statistics, which he said indicated that blacks remain at a disadvantage to their white counterparts.

For example, Bond said, a black individual is one and a half times more likely to be cool in a family whose family income is less than $6,000, twice as likely to be born to a teenager mother, and nine times as likely to be a homeless youth as a toddler or a young adult.

“Today,” Bond said, “the net financial assets of black families in which a member has a post-secondary degree are lower than the assets of white families in which the highest level achieved is elementary school.”

However, despite painting a gloomy picture of race relations in America, Bond spoke positively of America’s past accomplishments and the possibility for improvement. “The American dream is not without a brighter side,” he said. “Taken over several decades rather than in a single year, we can see a continuous progress throughout this century.”

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**TRAFFIC SCHOOL**

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the software for the computers and funded the lab’s renovation.

It’s convenient and set aside for chemistry and biochemistry students,” Munitnick said, adding that using the reserved lab is better than computer labs open to the Business and Air Conditioning building’s labs.

The lab, which is located in room D17 of Science building 52, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Munitnick said he is sometimes frustrated when using the lab because word-processing and internet programs on the computers are restricted by passwords.

“The applications are there, but they are not always accessible,” Munitnick said.

Munitnick also thinks the programs are restricted because the lab is intended for the specific needs of biochemistry and chemistry students.

He said the restrictions might discourage non-majors as well as chemistry and biochemistry students from using the lab to type papers or check their e-mail accounts.

Munitnick added he doesn’t know how to use the molecular modeling program and has not seen anyone but instructors use the donated workstations.

Red Schoenfelder, an assistant professor in the Chemistry and Biochemistry department, said students seem to be in awe of the workstations and most seem excited to have them in the lab.

“I think that students recognize the important role that molecular modeling has carved out for itself in modern chemistry,” Schoenfelder said.

Adelle Iechal, a chemistry senior, said before the donation the chemicals and lab equipment was open, she used other computer labs to do homework.

“The lab is helpful,” Iechal said, adding that she is using the lab better now because the lab had a few computers set aside with internet and word-processing capabilities.

Iechal said she also uses the lab in her physical chemistry lab class.

The Facilities Planning Department completed the lab’s renovation during summer quarter and converted it from a standard lab classroom to a modern facility. The renovation was largely funded by interest from the department’s Al Hill Hook Memorial Fund.

The grant of the workstation from Hewlett-Packard Co. allowed the college to open the lab in time for fall quarter and was one of the final projects needed for the lab to be functional.

“It completed the whole lab,” Bondich said.

Censullo said he submitted a proposal for the workstation after he saw Hewlett-Packard Co.’s web site about donating the equipment to colleges.

“We got what we asked for,” Censullo said, adding that Hewlett-Packard Co. has a strong program supporting institutional interaction related to chemistry and engineering.

Censullo said Hewlett-Packard Co. also has a vested interest in Cal Poly students, as it is a large employer of engineering graduates and of some of the computer science graduates.

Bondich said the grant was unique because Hewlett-Packard usually gives grants to the Engineering Department.

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agricultural companies.

Wine was chosen the Central Coast as a prime site for the fourth expo because of the rapid growth in the grape industry in the area.

“The Central Coast is the fastest-growing grape region in the state and therefore, the country,” Malcolm said.

“The area needs to be recognized for its strengths, and an event like this fits very well.”

Malcolm said Cal Poly’s viticulture program caught his eye as a worthy recipient of the proceeds from the first Central Coast Grape Expo.

“I saw what Keith Patterson was doing with the program,” Malcolm said. “And I thought it would be a worthy thing to donate to.”

To publish American Vineyard Magazine is what we make our profits and our living from,” Censullo said. “We’re going to do shows, we’d do them to benefit the (grape) industry, as opposed to finding another way to milk the industry.”

The $10,000 donation made to Cal Poly was one of several donations the American Vineyard Magazine has ever made, Malcolm said. However, Malcolm has similar arrangements with viticulture programs at the University of California, Davis and Fresno State University. To date, proceeds from three grape expos have totaled $17,500 in donations to each school.

If all goes as planned, this will not be the only donation to Central Coast Grape Expo proceeds to Cal Poly’s viticulture program, Malcolm said.

“We’ve already set a date for December of the year 2000,” Malcolm said.

The purpose of the wine show will be to donate to the viticulture program, approximately as much as this year. Perhaps it will be more; we’re hoping for more.”

Malcolm said he was extremely impressed with the contributions made to the expo by the vines to Wines club.

“We showed up at 5 in the morning to help set up,” he said. “We cooked breakfast for about 150 people, we served lunch to about 500 people, we stayed afterwards and cleaned up. But there was wine tasting after that, so it made it worthwhile.”

Malcolm enthusiastically praised the clubs efforts.

“They prepared the breakfast and lunches, and (the growers) just loved it. They did an outstanding job. Especially with the triple-barreled, those guys know how to make triple-tap.”

According to McVey, the Vines to Wines club is using the $1,200 it received to fund a club trip to Napa, for the purpose of touring wineries and networking.

“It’s a good chance to get people who are interested in the industry,” McVey said, “and to hopefully find some jobs.”
Graphic communication kicks off printing week

By Andy Castagnola

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Graphic communication majors are learning the latest in printing technology this week straight from industry leaders.

Universities and printing companies around the world have declared the first week of January as International Printing Week, an annual event that falls around the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the United States' first printer.

Cal Poly marks printing week by scheduling lectures, new equipment demonstrations, and a graphic communication department banquet.

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was helping.

"I was able to share in the humor, share in their sorrows and their joys. I lived with a family that considered me to be their son," Hasham said.

More than 500 Cal Poly graduates have served in the Peace Corps since 1961. Applying what they learned while at Cal Poly, these Peace Corps volunteers are able to help citizens in certain projects in the host country. Such projects include business advising in Ukraine, Paraguay, and El Salvador; agricultural training in Guatemala and water resource engineering in Mauritania.

"Cal Poly, for the past 30 years, has been a great recruiter for the Peace Corps," Hasham said because of Cal Poly's emphasis on engineering, architecture and agriculture. "People need clean water, and the food supply is still the most important thing on people's minds everyday.

The Cal Poly office serves not just alumni but also local residents. Hasham placed residents from all ages and backgrounds into the Peace Corps. A 23-year-old architect from Atascadero just recently joined the Peace Corps, Hasham said.

The first prerequisite to join the Peace Corps is to have a desire to help people. The next steps are filling out an application and having an interview with Hasham or another Peace Corps representative. A prospective Peace Corps volunteer should begin the application process about nine months before wanting to leave for the host country.

The return to the United States can also cause a culture shock to a Peace Corps volunteer. Gretter said, "You have to remember that some of the volunteers are serving in places that don't have electricity or running water. Gretter said, "When they come back and experience the plenty that we have in the United States, it is a bit of a shock."

A returning Peace Corps volunteer also obtains many privileges, Gretter added. A reimbursement allowance of more than $5,000 is awarded upon completion of a Peace Corps assignment. These returning volunteers also maintain noncompetitive eligibility when applying for federal jobs and can also have their student loans deferred. These benefits may be appealing, but some Cal Poly students are not sure if the Peace Corps will be the toughest job they will ever have.

"I want to get right into the workforce right after I graduate," said Laura Hall, a fruit science freshman. "I have too many student loans, and I want to start paying them off. But people that can afford to join the Peace Corps and have that much time... that's cool."

According to Gretter, nine out of 10 returning Peace Corps volunteers say if they had the opportunity, they would serve again. Even if they do not go back to the Peace Corps, many returning volunteers serve in their local communities as teachers, mentors and public officials.

Hasham feels his experience in the Peace Corps was very fulfilling. "Every day was stimulating and something that was very important to me in another country, but I cherished it," Hasham said.

"The Peace Corps is so far the toughest job I will ever love," Hasham said.

Upcoming events hosted by the Cal Poly Peace Corps office include an informational meeting in the University Union, room 219, on Jan. 26 at 11:10 a.m. Information tables will also be set up in the University Union Plaza on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Farmer's Market on Jan. 28. A slide show, entitled "Mid Life Adventure," featuring a married couple's Peace Corps experience in Papua New Guinea will be at the San Luis Obispo Public Library on Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Peace Corps applications are available in the Cal Poly Peace Corps office located in the Science Building, room C29.

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Iron Mike, Y2K and a few cowboys

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ow much to do, so little time. The age old adage sounds true, even in the context of a semi-independent college student on the brink of self-realization. "Self-realization," you ask? "Has this miy thing ended?" Neither! It's a Monday of all days. Sitting rather uncomfortably in front of my own advanced computer, with the sounds of Dave Matthews lingering above, three things come to mind: Mike Tyson, the Y2K bug and the cowboy house just off campus on Grand Avenue near the parking booth.

Mike Tyson is back, or did he ever really leave? Sure, he lost his license, but hey, the man was just hungry. He's back in the ring swinging, wildly it seems, amidst new media scrutiny than he has probably ever received. Just once I'd like to see a heavyweight walk out to "I'm Gonna Knock You Out!" by LL Cool J. Here's a man that has it all figured out. He knows what he has and what he can do with it. People backed Botha, that non-Gil-esque South African, who once was good at what he did. Or was it the streetwise Molina, former precursors Tyson's fights to the effect of mildly buzzed meat heads stating they would get in the ring with the world proclaimed "Badest Man for a few million. Talk of taking a few hits quickly subsides though when Tyson sends Y2K philosophe Miller out of the Battleground to the mat with one punch. Yeah, I'd get in the ring too.

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Meanwhile, in a small American town, a few cowboys have it all figured out too. Nothing bears a ice-cold can of Milwaukee's Best. Couple that with a few buddies, a nice porch and the chance to coo and caw at any ladies who might pass by and I'd say they have discovered the simple life. These guys have two worries: do you go with the 18 or 24 pack and once the Wranglers are on, how in the hell do you get them off?

I'm still sitting here, procrastinating the inevitable. I know what I have to do, but I lick an oriole. Most everybody seems to have it all figured out. I'll tell you what though, I'd love to be sitting on a porch, drinking canned beer. And when asked about the Y2K bug I'd respond, "What kind of crap are you on that?"

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior.

Perhaps you've heard it. "Christianity is more than a religion, it's a relationship." I saw it plastered on the bumper of a car and couldn't help but agree. Maybe you've checked up yourself in disbelief or wondered what it means. Though I am the biggest fan of philosophical bumper stickers, I thought it worthwhile to remember this phrase because it sums up the two opposing views of Christianity: distant and misunderstood religion vs. a personal relationship with God.

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Opinion

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Laws need better enforcement

Skateboarders and bike riders on this campus need to be whipped — and not nicely, either. What is going on with the skateboarders and bike riders on campus? Has there been an outbreak of some brain disease among skaters and bike riders? Or have they just lost all respect for manners?

Since when is skateboarding even allowed on campus? Last time I checked (right before I wrote this), it was against the rules posted all over campus, yet there are countless skaters who routinely ignore the rules, and even exist, of those around them. It’s not just that they are annoying, either — they are seriously endangering the safety of pedestrians on campus.

I have seen many examples of this disregard for fellow humans in the few short weeks we have been back at school. Perhaps you have seen it, too. A skater who is trying to look cooler than he actually is, flying down the pathways between classes. Not only are the people around him ignored, but they are given dirty, abrupt looks, if they get in his way. As if we, the pedestrians, are the problem. But aren’t they the ones breaking university policy?

Then there are the ones who weave from side to side as they practically float down main campus streets. Sure, it may be interesting to watch (especially when they attempt some wacko move and fall off), but do we really need these exhibitionists clogging the streets and endangering not only themselves, but drivers as well? What will happen if one of them gets hit by a car they aren’t paying attention to? Can we see it happening, but who still be to blame?

What about the many bike riders on campus? Don’t we have sidewalks for pedestrians, not bike riders? I was almost taken down by a bike rider last week — he was flying through the very small space between the sidewalk and poster board between the math and engineering buildings, and wasn’t paying the slightest bit of attention to those around him. I was surprised into action, quickly stepping back onto the curb before he could send me flying, but did he apologize, or even acknowledge me? Take a wild guess — no.

The very same day, two bike riders courted the crowded ramp leading to the library — through a crowd of students, almost knocking down a couple of them in front of me. Neither of them acknowledged the people they were close to hurting, either.

Seriously, what is going on? What will have to happen before this problem is even noticed? I can’t be the only one on campus who is annoyed with this. Enforcement is the answer. The campus police have no problem running down parking tickets on our harmless parked cars — why don’t they give more tickets to the people who are actually endangering other’s lives? Campus safety needs to wake up and demand compliance with university policies. What’s the point of rules if we don’t follow them?

Sara Hendrickson is a Mustang Daily staff writer and a journalism junior who would never be as rude as campus bike riders and skateboarders.

Microsoft needs to break apart, act responsibly

By Trey Csar  
Independent Florida Alligator (U-WIRE)

With the Department of Justice’s case against software mogul Microsoft wrapping up last week, it is time to look back at the case and into the company’s future.

The case is the latest in a series of lawsuits regarding Microsoft’s alleged monopoly of the PC operating system market.

Earlier, the company had been accused of breaking its license agreement with Sun Microsystems over the Java programming language and had its merger with Intuit, the maker of Quicken, stopped because it would have given the company a monopoly in the personal finance software market. The government claims Microsoft’s 80 percent share of the operating system market enables it to require computer makers to pre-install software along with its Windows operating system.

The case in question now revolves around Microsoft’s licensing agreements, which require computer makers who install windows on their systems to distribute a CD-ROM with Microsoft’s Internet Explorer 4 Web browser with every computer they sell.

The case after the software maker was instructed in a previous case not to require an Internet Explorer icon to appear on the desktop of any machine sold with Windows. The company seems content in simply delaying the process — while it continues to sell copies of Windows at a lightning pace.

Microsoft needs to accept public responsibility for its monopolistic practices and break itself apart before the Department of Justice does.

First of all, the operating system division needs to be spun off, and the new company needs to open the source code for Windows in the same way Netscape did with its Navigator browser. The spinoff company would instantly have an enormous army of computer programmers working pro-bono, designing program improvements and correcting errors to be integrated into the next version.

Next, the hardware and software divisions of Microsoft could be split, with the software division living off the popularity of the Office suite and the hardware division making Microsoft’s current cash cow, the Microsoft Mouse.

These three new companies, while still dominating sales, would no longer be able to control the computer market as it is now.

The result would be more innovative market — where technology is consistently improved and sales are determined by the quality of the product instead of consumers who have no choice but to follow the status quo.

Trey Csar is a student at the University of Florida, and a columnist for the Independent Florida Alligator.
West Coast college smoking behind national average

PALO ALTO (U-WIRE) – Cigarette smoking on college campuses has increased nationwide among all student demographic groups, according to information obtained by the Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Study.

While Stanford University's smoking rate is not as high as that of other schools, the self-reported smoking rate at Stanford has risen over the last four years.

The study, published in the Nov. 18 Journal of the American Medical Association, examined changes in cigarette smoking among different types of college students and colleges between 1991 and 1997.

Using data from 116 nationally representative four-year colleges, with a total of 15,101 randomly selected students in 1991 and 14,251 randomly selected students in 1997, the researchers found that between 1993 and 1997 the prevalence of current cigarette smoking in the West and that smoking prevalence did not differ between fatal and urban schools, between women's and coeducational institutions, or between schools with and without a religious affiliation.

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Lenox said, "The number of Stanford students who self-report smoking (tobacco), is below the national average."

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In 1997, 25 percent said they smoked. Of that 25 percent, more than half rarely smoked - 13 percent smoked only once or twice a year - and less than 3 percent smoked more than once a week.

"What is important to consider is how students smoke," Lenox said.

"Most students don't smoke on a daily basis. They wouldn't 'qualify' as pack-a-day smokers," she said. "They tend to smoke occasionally or 'recreationally,' they like to have a cigarette when they drink."

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Aryan Nation site caves in to Yale copyright pressure

Web site promoting Aryan books used Yale web site logo without permission

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (U-WIRE) — The Aryan Nation no longer uses the "Old Books" image from Yale's web site to sell copies of "The Hitler We Loved and Why."

"A year and a half ago, we made contact with Yale and they said they were going to mock up a new page, which we thought was going to be the 'Valhalla' of literature," said Stuart Schlicher, owner of the Aryan Nation's online "Literature Archive." After a brief exchange of correspondence, the Aryan Nation removed the image from their pages.

"They then removed the image from all of their students' web pages and on the Network Services' web site," he said. "Yale refused to grant the Aryan Nation that authorization."

Many schools, especially those with high numbers of Asian students, higher in freshmen, sophomores and juniors than seniors and fifth-year students; lower at private than public schools; and lower at highly competitive schools compared with less competitive schools as differentiated by standardized test scores and percentages of applicants accepted.

The study also revealed that schools in the Northeast, North Central and Southern regions had higher smoking rates than schools in the West and that smoking prevalence did not differ between fatal and urban schools, between women's and coeducational institutions, or between schools with and without a religious affiliation.

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CORONA (AP) — Four off-duty firefighters on a snowboarding trip died in the fiery wreckage of a single-engine plane that crashed Tuesday into a fog-shrouded hillside shortly after takeoff for a flight to San Diego.

The Corona firemen died on impact about 4:54 a.m. just east of Chino Hills State Park, said Nancy Mustard Daily firefighters Donald Butts, 28, Daniel Abach, 28, and Tony Tambone, 29, were killed in the crash. The fourth fatality was not identified.

Several people have been killed in the past few months in the area near the Upstate California 180 region where the flight landed.

“Choking back tears, Warren said, ‘They had their boards here in the station a couple of nights ago,’ said Mrs. Prunin. ‘They really were proud of them.’

Prior to an afternoon news conference, fire Chief Mike Warren said he had talked to the men’s families. It was the first loss of active firemen in the Corona department’s 100-year history, he said.

California’s 1986 initiative that prohibited discharging substances that cause cancer or birth defects into drinking water.

The suit seeks penalties of $2,500 per day for discharge of each substance over a four-year period, and damages equal to the amounts oil companies spent to fix or prevent leaks. Drury said the damages would be in the billions of dollars.

Benzene and toluene are both known to cause cancer. A separate lawsuit, filed in Superior Court last December, alleged UniKal is paying $100 million or more to fix or prevent leaks. Drury said the penalties should be used to clean up the water.

The department has 102 firefighters, said Richard Drury, legal director of CBE.

This case will send a strong message to all polluters in the only language that they understand,” said Drury.

Benzene and toluene from 3,500 sites, some in every county of the state. The Southern California Regional Water Quality Board has ordered the oil companies and does not name state officials or the gas stations where most of the storage tanks are located.

“Water boards and the attorney general have known about this contamination for a decade now and have done virtually nothing to clean it up,” said Drury.

— Richard Drury

legal director of Communities for a Better Environment

Oil companies accused of polluting ground water

Groups wants $2,500 per day of pollution over four-year period for dumping oil

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An environmental group that sued 14 oil companies for billions of dollars Tuesday, accusing them of polluting southern California with drinking water with toxic leaks from refineries, pipelines and storage tanks.

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The suit also names Tosco, Ultramar, Exxon, World Oil, Beacon, Mobil, BP Oil, Thrifty and USA Petroleum.

Drury said most of the 3,500 named sites are underground storage tanks at gas stations, but the largest source of ground water pollution has been leaks from oil refineries.

Illinois students disgruntled by lack of textbooks

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI) — Campus bookstores are still awaiting texts for some small university classes, lagging worth the period, students’ transition to the spring semester.

“We had some professors in today who were checking on their books, and we did not have a book order so we will be getting some more in,” said Shalery Barnhart, Illini Union Bookstore textbook manager.

However, managers at the three competing campus bookstores said they are stocked up on books for large 100-level lectures. Books still on order for smaller classes are expected within the next two weeks.

“A lot of departments were telling us last week what books they need. A lot of times it takes one to two weeks for the publisher to send it to us,” said Beth Andrews, T.U.S. College Bookstore textbook manager.

Steve Meeker, textbook manager at Fox’s Federal, said, “We don’t know if a class is going to run, resulting in late orders.

Locally published lab manuals are another necessity on short supply, Meeker said.

“Right now we’re hoping to make a bundle of books which are not uncommon to run out of except for labs which are not uncommon to run out of,” he said.

Follett and BJU are holding promotions to draw students to their stores. Follett is offering 20 percent off all merchandise except for textbooks, computer software and medical reference.

BJU is holding a scratch-and-win contest. The grand prize winner gets choice of several prizes including a free semester of textbooks, a television and a Sony PlayStation. Students with winning tickets can enter a second chance drawing for a $250 BJU gift certificate.

Some university students have chosen to skip the long lines and order their books from one of several Internet providers which claim to offer convenience and lower prices. Bopoworks, an online book warehouse, has received a lot of orders from University of Illinois students, co-founder John Bates said.

Students willing to wait five to eight business days for their books can take advantage of Bopoworks’ free shipping. Otherwise, students can pay $5 for five to five-day shipping or $10 for two-to-four-day shipping.

However, Bates said the university is too close to Bopoworks’ warehouse in University Park that paying for faster shipping is not necessary.
Parents look for details in daughter's drug-related death

EAST LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Susan and James Leslie want to know the truth about what happened to their daughter.

Lies and twisted facts surrounding Christina Leslie's Dec. 17 drug-related death have been difficult to deal with, James Leslie said.

"I just want to make sure that this is not a question of people trying to blame somebody else for their daughter's death," he said.

"We know she used drugs, and we've done our best to cooperate with everybody who's trying to find the truth," said Leslie.

Christina Leslie, an English senior, was active in the community, serving as an Associated Students of Michigan State University representative, and worked with developmentally disabled adults in Lansing.

Police reports said Leslie and a friend purchased heroin the night of Dec. 15 and injected it at about midnight. They slept at the friend's house in Pontiac that night.

The friend was unable to wake Leslie the following morning and went shopping with her mother.

Upon returning home, the friend called paramedics because Leslie was unresponsive, according to police reports.

East Lansing police Capt. Louis Muhlen said there is no investigation into Leslie's friend for using or distributing drugs.

Dr. Daniel Maxwell, who attended to Leslie at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, said she never regained consciousness and was brain dead the morning of Dec. 17.

"When she came in, she was pretty well gone," Maxwell said.

"By the time she hit the door, there was nothing that could have been done." An autopsy report stated the cause of death as drug abuse and its complications.

Traces of cocaine and opiates, which could have included heroin, were found in Leslie's system.

Because of the time elapsed between the drug use and Leslie's death, the amount of drugs could not be determined.

There was no evidence of other trauma or injuries.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (UPI) — Rutgers University joined Gov. Christie Whitman's initiative to create a Virtual University, which joins New Jersey's colleges and universities to help residents who want to earn college credits but are unable to attend atraditional classroom.

"It's a lot of courses that are available through continuing education are now available through the Virtual University," George Latsairis, University executive director of computing and information technology, said.

The Virtual University is an index of all existing online educational offerings from the state schools into one network that can be accessed at www.njvu.org.

The site offers an index of more than 50 institutions of higher learning.

Distance learning programs take advantage of computers, videotapes and interactive television programs to create a virtual classroom for students scattered at locations around the state and the country.

However, some students said the distance-learning programs cannot compete with a traditional classroom experience.

University College first-year student Mike Winner said he would not have taken advantage of the programs if they existed when he decided to go back to college last fall.

"I like the old-time stuff better. I like teachers and classes. You need more interaction with teachers. But for people who have problems getting to a college, it is a good thing," Winner said.

Les Rose, who recently obtained a graduate degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology via distance learning, said the programs were helpful in attaining her degree.

"The big thing for me was being able to catch up if you missed a class because they were videotaped. They were a godsend when I had to travel for business," Rose said last week in a prepared statement.

"Distance learning will never replace the traditional classroom, but it can bring higher education to those who can't get to the classroom," Whitman said in the State of the State address last Tuesday.

"But it can bring higher education to those who can't get to the classroom. And by helping our institutions reach beyond our state's borders, the Virtual University will put New Jersey at the forefront of distance education," Whitman said.

In the address, Whitman proposed $500,000 to help faculty members learn how to incorporate distance learning courses into their curricula.

"The New Jersey Virtual University builds upon the state's wealth of high-tech corporate and academic resources, providing flexibility and increased opportunity to meet diverse workforce training and education needs, as well as the needs of recent high school graduates and adults seeking lifelong learning opportunities," Alfred J. Cade, chairperson of the New Jersey Commission of Higher Education, said in a prepared statement.

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— Glenda Shead, sister of 23-year-old basketball star Katrina Price

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**Family copes with suicide of college star**

NAOCOGOCHES, Texas (AP) — Relatives of a former Stephen F. Austin basketball star who had a brief stint as a professional player were struggling Tuesday to understand why Katrina Price could kill herself.

The 23-year-old basketball star apparently took her life with a shotgun early Monday in the apartment she shared with her younger sister, police said.

"She talked to one sister about six yesterday morning," Shead, 40, said. "She just said she was deeply depressed, and we offered to come and visit with her and help her. But an hour after she hung up, it happened. We had no idea she was so depressed." Price never told her family what was going on, Shead said.

A neighbor called 911 after hearing screams. A minute later, a shot rang out, according to a police report. Police found Price dead, slumped and weeping.

"She just said she was deeply depressed, apparently took her life with a shotgun," Shead said. "She was not busy playing basketball anymore, and I think she had some time to think about everything that had happened to her."  

Shead said Price was someone her family looked up to, especially her seven nieces and nephews.

"She was like a Michael Jordan to them. She was their hero," she said.

"Tina loved the game of basketball. Tina, bless her heart, has always loved having something in her hand — I can remember her at the age of three picking up the ball."
The Mustangs' women's team moved up to third place at the end of the meet. Davis slowly pulled away and won. The Mustangs' women's team wouldn't go down without a fight. Davis won the 500-meter freestyle, but then lost the lead again in the 100-meter fly. Cal Poly stayed in first until the final event, the 400-meter relay, where both of Davis' relay teams took first and second. Cal Poly's swim team won one and lost one in its dual meet last Friday against Bakersfield State and Boston College. The Cal Poly men's team didn't allow Boston College to receive any first-place finishes. The men's team took first in every event, excepting Boston College, 214-80. The men's team wasn't as lucky against Bakersfield. The Bakersfield team took an early lead, which it kept for the entire meet. Bakersfield won the meet, 186-116. The Mustangs' women's team had an entirely different day. Instead of Bakersfield being the dominant force in the water, Boston College proved to be a tougher match. The women's team destroyed Bakersfield 199-91, but lost to Boston College, 176-193. Fademann said the team needs to pick it up a notch and focus on the meet. Fademann thought the swim team had made dramatic improvements throughout the year. "We're looking to bring it home strong at the end of the season," Fademann said.

The Mustangs have a dual meet this week against University of Pacific and the Big West Championships coming up Feb. 25.

Agent: Rodman retiring from NBA

CHICAGO (AP) — Rainbow-haired, pierced, tattooed. And now, retired.

Dennis Rodman, whose multicolored hair, earrings, and body art made a fashion statement across the NBA and beyond, has become the latest star to leave Chicago as the Bulls rebuild after the retirement of Michael Jordan.

The seven-time rebou nding leader, who once donned a wedding gown, kicked a cameraman, dated Madonna and head-butted a referee is leaving the game, Rodman's agent said Tuesday. "He doesn't want to play," Dwight Manley said, although Rodman has considered retiring in each of the last five years. "He wants to go into the sports and entertainment field. Some people have convinced him that he wants to do a movie after he retires." Manley got the news from Rodman in a phone conversation Tuesday and then several entities still interested in signing the wacky 37-year-old Rodman, known for his ferocious work ethic and head-butting a referee is leaving the entertainment field. Some people have convinced him that he wants to do a movie after he retires. "He says he's thinking of asking $9 million. We're looking to bring it home strong at the end of the season," Fademann said. Manley said he is severing his ties with the Chicago Bulls rebuild after the retirement of Michael Jordan. Scottie Pippen, Luc Longley and Steve Kerr are all head-hunted by new teams. Rodman was believed to he thinking of asking $9 million. Rodman won three championships with the Bulls in 1996, 1997 and 1998, and two titles with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990. But off the court is where Rodman marketed himself and became a marked man for his antics and ventures into poor taste. He once announced his marriage, only to show up at a New York book signing in a wedding gown and blond wig — sans groom; he offended Mormons and was fined $52,000 for making derogatory comments during the 1997 finals in Salt Lake City; he skipped practice during the 1998 finals and last summer to attend a wrestling match in Detroit; and in 2001 "Rodalla" emerged with Hair who styled Curly Harry and Madison Diamond as his manager. He drew a six-game suspension for head-butting referee Tom hamburger in 1996 and drew another in 11 games for 1997 for kicking a court-side cameraman in Minneapolis. He was always in trouble, first in his latter years with the Pistons through-out his brief stay in San Antonio, where his behavior damaged Spurs' chances in the NBA title, and then during his three championships years with the Bulls.
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Men’s basketball faces Big West rival tonight
By Adam Russo

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team broke its seven-game losing streak Saturday and now faces Big West Conference Western Division rival Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. tonight in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs are coming off a dramatic 75-73 win over Nevada Saturday, in which junior Mike Worsin hit a running jumper with just 2.2 seconds left on the clock. Cal Poly trailed by 12 with less than five minutes remaining when the Mustangs’ defense shut down the Wolf Pack offense.

The Mustangs did not allow another basket for the rest of the game, outscoring Nevada 14-1. "We played excellent defense," Coach Jeff Schneider said. "We’re playing with a bigger lineup. That has really helped us," he said.

Sophomore Jeremiah Mayes led the Mustangs with a career-high 25 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds. Mayes is second in the Big West, averaging 8.4 rebounds per game.

"Jeremiah is such a valuable part of our team," Schneider said. "When he gets a double-double, you just can’t replace that."

The win was the first for Cal Poly (6-9, 3-1) in nearly a month. The Mustangs hadn’t tasted victory since the Dec. 17 Honour of Eastern Washington.

Cal Poly now focuses its attention on Santa Barbara (5-9, 3-1), which features 6-foot-7-inch forward B.J. Banton. Banton was named Big West Player of the Week Monday for his performances last week in the Gauchos’ victories over Utah State and Nevada on the road. In the game vs. Utah State, Banton nailed a 3-pointer with only 0.7 seconds left in overtime, giving Santa Barbara the win.

(”B.J. is one of the best players in the league," Schneider said. Once again, Cal Poly will look to feed the ball down low to Chris Bjorklund, who is currently second in the Big West in scoring, at 20.3 ppg. The sophomore has scored in double figures in all 15 games this season and has reached double digits in 40 of 41 career games, including 23 straight games.

The game against Santa Barbara should be a spirited contest, since both teams consider each other its biggest rival. Although Cal Poly trails the overall series with the Gauchos, 29-24, the Mustangs have taken three of the last four.

UC Davis Aggies drown Cal Poly’s swim teams
By Burt McNaughton

University of California, Davis, swim team away with a 155-133 victory against the Cal Poly men’s swim team Monday in the Rec pool. The Mustangs men’s swim team won eight of its 14 events, but still fell short, 153-146.

The Mustangs led early in the competition, winning both the men’s and women’s 400-meter medley relays. Cal Poly senior Eric Wyles swam the breaststroke in the men’s 400-meter medley relay. Wyles said he felt good after his race, but in terms of winning the swim meet, he thought it would be close. "They’ve got some guns, we’ve got some guns, so we’ll just have to see what happens," Wyles said. Wyles pointed out that his swim team was still working hard for dual meets is 3-2, while the women’s dual meet record is 4-3.

UC Davis head coach Rich Firman emphasized the need to focus to win the meet. The team was doing well at the beginning, but he wasn’t sure of the men’s outcome. The Cal Poly men’s swim record for dual meets is 3-2, while the women’s dual meet record is 4-3.

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